

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking Regarding Building Decarbonization

Rulemaking 19-01-011

ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S RULING AMENDING SCOPING MEMO

1. Summary

This Amended Scoping Memo and Ruling makes changes to the scoping of this proceeding from the original Scoping Memo and Ruling issued on May 17, 2019.

2. Background

On June 17, 2019, the California Public Advocates' Office (Cal Advocates) filed a motion requesting that the Assigned Commissioner amend the Scoping Memo to include the following issues in the scope of this proceeding: (1) funding mechanism and program budgets; and (2) customer eligibility for benefits of the Building Initiative for Low-emissions Development (BUILD) Program and the Technology and Equipment for Clean Heating (TECH) Initiative. More specifically, Cal Advocates recommends that the Commission consider how to authorize the funding for the BUILD program and the TECH Initiative pursuant to Section 748.6 and how the Commission should establish budgets for the BUILD program and TECH initiative.

No other party objected.

3. Discussion

Under Rule 7.3 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Assigned Commissioner shall issue the scoping memo for the proceeding, which

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shall determine the schedule and issues to be addressed. The Scoping Memo in this proceeding stated that the initial scope of this rulemaking is intended to focus on the implementation of Senate Bill (SB) 1477, which requires the Commission to develop two programmatic approaches to building decarbonization – the BUILD and TECH programs. Implicitly, the Scoping Memo included the two issues Cal Advocates' raised in its motion when it asked: (1) How should the Commission implement SB 1477; (2) What program design parameters should the Commission establish for the BUILD program; and (3) What program design parameters should the Commission establish for the TECH program. Indeed, these topics are covered topics in the "CPUC and CEC Staff Proposal for Building Decarbonization Pilots" (Staff Proposal) for stakeholders to address at the upcoming July 30, 2019 workshop and in comments regarding the Staff proposal.

However, to ensure no misunderstanding, there is merit in clearly identifying these issues in the Scoping Memo which highlight the importance of addressing these issues fully in the record of this proceeding. The following issues will be included within the scope of this proceeding:

- a) How should the Commission authorize the funding for the BUILD program and the TECH initiative pursuant to Section 748.6?
- b) How should the Commission establish the budgets for the BUILD program and the TECH initiative?
- c) What customer eligibility requirements for benefits of the BUILD program should be established?
- d) What customer eligibility requirements for benefits of the TECH program should be established?

IT IS RULED that:

- 1. The May 17, 2019 Scoping Ruling in this proceeding is amended to add the following questions for development in the record:
 - a) How should the Commission authorize the funding for the BUILD program and the TECH initiative pursuant to Section 748.6?
 - b) How should the Commission establish the budgets for the BUILD program and the TECH initiative?
 - c) What customer eligibility requirements for benefits of the BUILD program should be established?
 - d) What customer eligibility requirements for benefits of the TECH program should be established?
- 2. The June 17, 2019 Motion of the California Public Advocates Office to Amend the Assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo and Ruling is granted. Dated July 16, 2019, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MICHAEL PICKER

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Assigned Commissioner

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